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EXAMINING GROUP 3733
PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Frédéric FORTIN et al.) Group Art Unit: 3733
Application No.: 10/505,469) Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.
Filed: August 20, 2004)
For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL LINKING) Confirmation No.: 4004
DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 7, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.